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Docket No. SCH 1686 C1
Prior Application: SCH 1686
Examiner: Qazi, S.
Art Unit: 1616



Sir: This is a request for filing a

- ☒ Continuation
- ☐ Divisional

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of prior application Serial No. 09/331,397 filed on June 21, 1999 of Norman Nashed, for THERAPEUTIC GESTAGENS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PREMENSTRUAL DYSPHORIC DISORDER

1. ☒ Enclosed are 10 pages of the specification including claims and 0 sheets of drawings.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration as originally filed in Serial No. 09/331,397 on June 21, 1999 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d).
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23 - 20	3	\$18	54.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3	0	\$78	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED				
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status Claimed under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27			BASIC FEE	744.00
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4. ☒ The amount of \$ 744.00 is included in the attached check.
 - ☒ If a check is not attached, authorization is given to charge the amount indicated in the above sentence to Deposit Account No. 13-3402; two copies of this page being attached for this purpose.
5. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-3402 in the amount of \$ _____, two copies of this sheet are attached.
6. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or otherwise due during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.
 - ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
7. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
8. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a ☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, of application Serial No. 09/331,397 filed June 21, 1999 --
9. ☒ Priority of application No. 196 54 609.5 filed on December 20, 1996 in Germany is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
10. ☒ The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/331,397 filed June 21, 1999.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to SCHERING AKTIENGESellschaft.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: I. William Millen (19,544); John L. White (17,746); Anthony J. Zelano (27,969); Alan E.J. Branigan (20,565); John R. Moses (24,983); Harry B. Shubin (32,004); Brion P. Heaney (32,542); Diana Hamlet-King (33,302); Richard J. Traverso (30,595); Richard E. Kurtz (33,936); John A. Sopp (33,103); John H. Thomas (33,460); Richard M. Lebovitz (37,067) and Luan C. Do (38,434)
 - ☒ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - ☒ b. Address all future communications to MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
15. ☒ Incorporation By Reference.
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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